

FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Assessor's Number USGS Quad Area(s) Form Number

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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 347 Pleasant Street

Historic Name: Bernat House

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1957

Source: Assessor's Records

Style/Form: Contemporary

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Concrete

Wall/Trim: Wood & Brick

Roof: Membrane

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Condition: Excellent

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 2.67 Acres

Setting: Set near the street in a primarily residential area.

INVENTORY FORM B CONTINUATION SHEET

TEWKSBURY

347 PLEASANT STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The five by two bay dwelling at **347 Pleasant Street** is a one-story Contemporary Style dwelling. The irregularly shaped dwelling rests on a concrete foundation. An ell projects from the northeast corner of the house and connects to the single-car garage. The house retains the vertically-oriented casement windows, deep overhanging shed roof, wood and brick siding, paired interior brick chimneys, and the lack of decorative elements that characterize the Contemporary Style. The southeast facing wood entrance door features three square panes of glass. To the south of the entrance is a large sliding patio door. Casement windows are grouped in pairs and groups of three. The upper walls are clad in vertical wood siding and the lower walls are clad in brick. Painted metal rods support the deep overhang of the shed roof. The shed roof is sheathed in a rubber membrane. Windows are 6/1 replacement sash windows. The ell features a recessed entrance.

The dwelling is an excellent example of its type and a locally unique example of Contemporary residential architecture.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The modern house at 347 Pleasant Street was built according to Assessor's records in 1957. In 1957 the land was owned by Richard & Carol Bernat. However in 1957 there are no members of the Bernat family living on Pleasant Street. Wanda Bernat purchased the land from Harry Priestly in 1955 and sold it to her father-in-law Richard in 1956. In 1961, Richard and his wife Carol sold the property back to Wanda and her husband Adam. In 1963 Adam Bernat sold the house to William and Joan Marie Munn. William Munn (1929-2001) served with 116th Combat Engineers in the Korean War. His widow is the current owner.

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List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)

Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.

North Middlesex County Registry of Deeds.